



Transportation Update

October 2002

Chair and Vice Chair Elected

At the September meeting, Pleasanton Mayor Tom Pico and BART Director Pete Snyder were re-elected chair and vice chair for the coming year.

2001-02 "State of Transportation in Alameda County" Report Available

The CMA has completed its annual review of the performance of Alameda County's transportation system. This report provides information on congestion, transit services, local road maintenance, bicycle facilities and other information. Changes since the last report are highlighted. CMA staff is investigating a seeming anomaly in the information – with a weak economy, why did congestion grow in the East Bay? Further research into this matter will be required in order to identify possible reasons. Copies of the report will be available on the CMA's web site by the end of November.

Deadline for Conformance with Congestion Management Program Nears

Annually the CMA monitors conformance with the provisions of the adopted Congestion Management Program, including the land use, congestion monitoring and transportation demand management elements. After analyzing the results of the 2002 LOS Monitoring Report, no new deficiency plans will be required. Of the fifteen local jurisdictions required to comply with the CMP, thirteen have met all requirements at this time. The remaining jurisdictions have a few issues to clear up and have until November 21, 2002 to complete all requirements.

I-680 Carpool Lane Project Update

The CMA is partnering with Caltrans to expedite improvements on I-680 by contracting for services and in some cases contracting for construction. An auxiliary lane has already been opened and an interim southbound carpool lane is scheduled to be open by the end of 2002.

Air Quality and Transportation

At its October 23rd meeting, the MTC approved an interim 2003 federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with only those projects that are exempt from air quality conformance and assist in improving air quality. Capacity increasing projects were not included pending resolution of a court ordered stay. This interim TIP must now be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation. CMA staff is reviewing each project that was not included in the interim TIP to determine whether the project schedule will be affected. Questions about specific projects should be addressed to the Programming & Projects section at the CMA.

I-580 Corridor Update

BART and the Alameda County CMA have completed a study of transit options in the I-580 corridor through the Livermore Valley. Bus, BART and light rail options have been evaluated. At its October meeting, the I-580 Policy Advisory Committee selected the freeway median alignment for BART or tBART and agreed to the next steps of study.

In partnership with Caltrans, the CMA is managing the preparation of an environmental document for a proposed carpool lane on I-580 between

Pleasanton-Dublin and Livermore. Work on the environmental phase began in May. A draft document is scheduled to be released in summer 2004.

Project “At Risk” Report Available

A report on the status of state and federally funded projects in Alameda County was presented to the CMA in October. Call the CMA offices for copies.

AC Transit Shows its New Rapid Transit Buses to the CMA

Prior to the Board meeting on October 24th, AC Transit provided an opportunity for the CMA to view and board its new buses that will be used in its “bus rapid transit” service in selected corridors. The buses have a sleek design with low floors and added doors for quick boarding.

CMA Adopts Small Business Enterprise Policy

At its October meeting, the CMA adopted a small business enterprise policy aimed at encouraging participation by such businesses in its contracts. A copy of the policy is available at the CMA offices.

Legislation

Senator Torlakson has indicated his intention to introduce in the 2003 session his bill from this year that would have created a Regional Growth Council, established MTC as the Council, and transferred certain powers from ABAG to the Council. The Senator withdrew the bill this year in response to the concerns expressed from several quarters, including local government. At its October meeting, the CMA Board discussed the matter. The Board agreed that the CMA should work with other Bay Area partners and the Senator in anticipation of the bill being introduced. The CMA wants to be sure that the objectives of a new bill are clearly identified and understood.

Upcoming Meetings

<i>November</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>6/7</i>	<i>CTC (Modesto)</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>14</i>	<i>San Pablo Avenue Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>18</i>	<i>Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board</i>
	<i>tbd</i>	<i>I-680 Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>21</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>9</i>	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	<i>9</i>	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	<i>11/12</i>	<i>CTC (San Jose)</i>
	<i>tbd</i>	<i>I-580 Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	<i>16</i>	<i>Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board</i>
	<i>19</i>	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>

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